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Identical letters dated 10 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to attach herewith identical letters dated 10 February 2012, addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, regarding the two terrorist bombings that targeted two Government institutions in a residential area of the city of Aleppo on Friday, 10 February 2012 (see annex). The preliminary death toll from this terrorist attack stands at 28 citizens, including children. Moreover, 235 citizens were wounded in the bombings. The terrorist bombings caused great damage to the two institutions and the nearby residential buildings.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 10 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the following information.

This morning, Friday 10 February 2012, terrorist groups committed a horrifying crime in the city of Aleppo. Two car bombs exploded, targeting innocent civilians in a residential area near a children's park, a food distribution centre and law enforcement premises. The terrorist attack resulted in the martyrdom of over 28 citizens and the injury of 235 others, some of whom were very severely wounded, including a number of children. That heinous act of terrorism is part of the unjust campaign against Syria, which is supported and funded by several regional States and instigated by well-known media outlets. Such bloodshed demonstrates their support for terrorist groups and fighters who kill innocent civilians and destroy infrastructure, trains, public buses, schools, petroleum and gas pipelines, electrical power stations and public and private institutions. The factions that committed the crime are backed by certain Arab and Western States, which violate their Arab and international commitments in an endeavour to impair the security of Syria and the safety of its citizens. Those States are using humanitarian pretexts to marshal the region and the international community against Syria, while at the same time harbouring armed terrorist groups that resort to killing in pursuit of their destructive goals.

The Syrian Arab Republic emphasizes its right to protect its citizens and to combat and eradicate terrorism and violence. It demands that the Security Council shoulder its counter-terrorism responsibilities and enforce its resolutions on the topic. Syria calls on those who harbour, support, fund and arm the terrorist groups to hand over the criminals and terrorists in accordance with international law and counter-terrorism resolutions. Syria requests those States and parties that provide political and media cover for the terrorists to refrain from doing so immediately in accordance with Security Council resolutions on combating terrorism and terrorist financing.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative